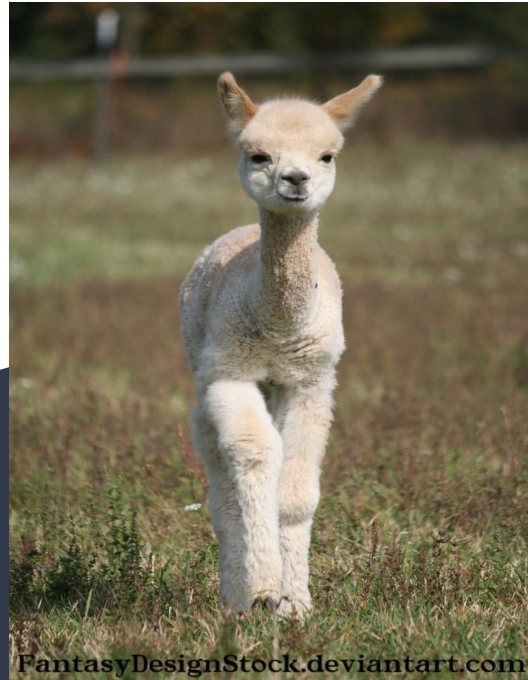


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If the mother of the cria is producing enough milk, that is all the cria needs to grow and gain an average of $\frac{1}{2}$ pound each day for its first 30 days of life.

At 2-3 months the cria should start to eat alpaca feed with its mother as well as a little grass and or hay, it should continue to gain an average of $\frac{1}{2}$ pound per day.

If the mother is not able to produce enough milk for the cria you can give it goat or cow milk so it stays on track to gain $\frac{1}{2}$ pound each day, you would start with 2-3 ounces every 2 hours.



If the Cria's mother isn't producing any milk the cria needs to be fed 15% of its body weight to gain $\frac{1}{2}$ pound per day, but you have to do this gradually.

Start with 10% of the cria's body weight and increase by 1% every 3 days until 15% of the cria's body weight, then the cria will be on track to gain $\frac{1}{2}$ pound per day.

